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man." Chandler's telegram is given, announcing Hays' election with 185 electoral votes, but nothing is told of what Chandler did in the winter of 1876-1877 to make that famous telegram good. It is so with many other subjects of importance; everything is brief, sometimes to the point of leaving one quite unsatisfied. However, such defects are incident to the nature of the task. The volume, on the whole, is a credit to the author and it is one of distinct value to the student of American politics. It contains a good deal of Michigan political history. Valuable material is presented from Chandler's letters, and an informing chapter on the racial and religious elements in Michigan's voting on historic issues. The volume has a good index and a full biography.

J. A. W.

#### THE POTTAWATTOMIES

Miss Frances Emerson, of Plymouth, has recently presented the library with a valuable collection of books and pamphlets relating to these Indians. Recent interest in this tribe of Indians is largely due to the efforts of the late Daniel McDonald, of Plymouth. As a member of the house of representatives in 1905, he secured an appropriation for a monument to the Pottawattomies at Twin Lakes in Marshall county. It will be recalled from history that here is where the tribe was assembled preparatory to being transported to their new reservation in Kansas in August, 1838. The address of Mr. McDonald in support of the bill for erecting the monument is included in this collection. This address and another delivered by the same author at the unveiling of the monument, September 4, 1909 (also included in the collection), deal with the history of the tribe. Previous to this, Mr. McDonald, who was an editor at Plymouth, had prepared and published a volume on the *Removal of the Pottawattomies*. This volume of 59 pages the author published previously in 1899.

In addition to these, Miss Emerson included a volume entitled *Queen of the Woods*, by Leopold Pokagon, last chief of the band which bears his name. Pokagon was born at Pokagon village, a few miles north of South Bend, in 1830, and died near Hartford, Michigan, January 25, 1899. Besides

this were three small booklets printed on birch bark paper, entitled *Algonquin Legend of South Haven*, *Algonquin Legend of Paw Paw Lake*, *Pottawattomie Book of Genesis* and the *Red Man's Rebuke*, all by the old chief. The SURVEY acknowledges obligation for the gift. All of the books are out of print and hard to find.

#### THE JASPER COURIER

Ben Ed Doane, editor of the *Courier*, has recently deposited with the library a complete file, 60 volumes, of the *Courier*. This is the oldest paper in Dubois county, having been established in 1858 by John Mehringer, Rudolphus Smith and Clement Doane. Mr. Doane, father of the present editor, was the editor and manager. From then till now father and son have conducted it. There are only a few papers in the State that have been edited so long by father and son and still fewer that have unbroken files through so long a period.

#### GROVER CLEVELAND

The following letter is printed at the request of the Division of Archives and History of New York:

DEAR SIR—I should be grateful if friends of Mr. Cleveland who possess published addresses or other critical comment of historical value concerning his policies or character, or letters to or from him, or personal recollections of incidents connected with his life, which would be of interest in the preparation of a biography, would communicate as soon as practical with Mr. William Gorham Rice of Albany. Any such comment, letters, and accounts of incidents will be acknowledged and will be carefully returned if the sender so desires.

It is my hope that Mr. Rice, aided by such material and by his own already existing collection, may feel disposed to undertake a biography of Mr. Cleveland during the ensuing year.

The assembled letters, comment, publications and records now proposed to be brought together, will be deposited ultimately in the State Library at Albany for the use of Dr. John H. Finley, who some time ago invited Mr. Rice to collaborate with him, or whoever finally may prepare a definitive and documented biography. The collection thus deposited will also be of permanent value because of its accessibility to anyone who in the future may desire to obtain for historical or other purposes knowledge of Mr. Cleveland's traits, and his opinions and administrative record on public questions.

Mr. Rice was a secretary to Governor Cleveland in Albany and was

later, by President Cleveland's appointment, a United States Civil Service Commissioner at Washington, and is now a New York State Civil Service Commissioner. He was associated with Mr. Cleveland from 1882 onward, and was always an esteemed and devoted friend.

Inquiries concerning the requests and suggestions made in this letter may be addressed to Mr. Rice at his residence, 135 Washington Avenue, Albany, or at the Capitol, Albany.

I am, very truly yours,

FRANCES F. CLEVELAND PRESTON.

*Year Book of the State of Indiana for the year 1917.* Compiled and published under the direction of JAMES P. GOODRICH, Governor. Indianapolis, 1918, pp. 883.

"The *Indiana Year Book* provided for by the legislature of 1917, and herewith presented, is the first attempt of this State to give to the people in simplified and brief form a report of the operation of the various offices, departments and institutions, together with such documents, facts and statistics as make up a general reference work for the State."

Of late the publication of the reports of the various State officers has come to be a serious financial burden. Moreover, no one cared to have his private library monopolized with the twenty to seventy volumes of annual and biennial reports. It is the purpose of the governor to give the people a simplified yet complete report of the State governmental business in a handy single volume. The movement is altogether commendable. The volume is well edited, well printed, on good paper and substantially bound. Such a volume can scarcely be reviewed. It is a political encyclopedia of the State and is without doubt the most valuable State publication so far issued by the State.

*Reconstruction in Louisiana after 1868.* By ELLA LONN, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Grinnell College. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1918. Pp. vi, 538, \$3.00.

The field covered by Dr. Lonn's book is one of great difficulty. The partisan bitterness aroused by the struggle is still in the atmosphere. The documents on which the history must rest are all full of partisanship. The author has rightly preserved in her story enough of the contemporary expression to